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In re application of:

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Application No. 09/940,603

Art Unit: 1725

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Examiner: K. Lin

For: METHOD FOR JOINING FRAME MEMBERS

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 24, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 28, 2002, please amend the above-

identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Twice Amended) A method for joining frame members made of aluminum alloy comprising the steps of:

fitting a part of each of the frame members into a mold; and  
wrapping up the part of the frame members fitted in said mold in cast metal;  
wherein the part of the frame members fitted in said mold do not contact each other.

A marked-up version of the amended claims is enclosed as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.